

## Holy Trinity Priory, Palayamkottai



Br. Francis (Anistas Santha Cruz) on the day of his taking of the habit stands in front of Fr. Vicente Griego, the seminary rector of Holy Cross Seminary.

▪ 22nd September: Mr. Anistas Santha Cruz became a novice brother of the Society of St. Pius X at Holy Cross Seminary, Golburn Australia. His new name in religion is Br. Francis. Br. Francis arrived at the Holy Trinity Priory, Palayam-

kottai in 2002 as a member of the hostel. He finished school in 2005 and was a pre-postulant brother at the priory until January of this year. He received the habit from the hands of the seminary rector Fr. Griego. The black habit symbolises



*In manus tuas Domine. Savari gives the photographer a heart attack as he jumps elegantly into the well on the new orphanage land.*



Fr. Valan translates the bishop's conference on "Bridges and Electricity in Goa", but we suspect that he actually spoke about something completely different.



On a visit to the south coast, the boys watch some fisherman shake the small fish (sprat) from their nets. Afterwards they spent two hours in the crashing waves.



Evan "Brother" Zerhusen of Kentucky, U.S.A. thinks happy thoughts. Last year he taught at Our Lady of La Salette, Illinois, U.S.A., but gave this up to teach at Veritas Academy and to find inspiration for his creative writing... In the background is Theresa who does not like having her picture taken.

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*Fr. Emerson Salvador with some friends at the elephant orphanage in Sri Lanka.*

death to the world (even though it will turn to white when he comes back to India in 2010). May he ever grow in grace and virtue.

▪ October. Influenza struck Palayamkottai as the monsoon season commenced. At one point, about 1 in 6 of the population were bedridden with fever, sore throats and plumbing trouble. The illness lasted for about three days.

Appendicitis has also struck the orphanage with vengeance; in one year there have been six operations (five girls, one boy).



*Beware of the new priory guard dogs— you might trip over them by accident. Frankie tries to coordinate his back legs while Joey looks on with grave concern.*

▪ 7th –14th November: Fr. Brucciani spent one week in Sri Lanka. The mission here usually survives on the presence of a priest (Fr. Salvador) for only one week each month. Sri Lanka is a beautiful, lush, green country with population of 16 million of whom 69% are Buddhist, 8% Muslim, 7% Hindu and 7% Christian. The Catholics display great devotion, but they are beginning to grow lukewarm in the post Vatican II spiritual and cultural desert. As usual, it is the clergy who are leading the decline. At the National Seminary in the old capital of Kandy, for example, the seminarians do not learn Latin (despite the wishes of the Pope) and the library is practically one big “hell” section (in seminary libraries there is always a “hell” section for books written by heretics). The rumoured return of the conservative Archbishop Ranjit from Rome, however, may mark the dawn of new era.... Ω



*Winona Seminarian, Gabriel Pitassi, volunteered to spend a year on the Indian Mission. He teaches full time at the school and supervises the boys at the priory. May his confreres follow his example!*



*“Now listen Father! It’s either me or the computer.” Magnificat, the new priory rat catcher, puts her paw down.*